[Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar.]

(*b*) whether they are affording any facilities to the public for the removal of sand on the line of this canal at present ; and

(*c*) if not, why ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) As far as possible.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*).

Construction of stone steps on the river-side in front of the Palace and the Travellers' Bungalow near the Punalur Bridge.

53. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether any amount of money is sanctioned for the construction of the ferry steps on the river-side in front of the Palace and the Travellers' Bungalow near the Punalur bridge; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether any money will be sanctioned for the same ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Administrative sanction has been accorded for the construction of a bathing ghat at the place at a cost of Rs. 4,000. Detailed estimates are under preparation.

Lady Member for the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

54. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether there is a lady member in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly ; and

(*b*) if not, whether they will consider the feasibility of nominating lady members also ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) (*a*) The answer is in the negative

(*b*) Under Rule VIII (*b*) of the Rules relating to the constitution and conduct of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly no person shall be eligible to be returned or nominated as a member if such person is a female.

Need for a Ferry Boat at Perumpallittura.

55. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has recommended the introduction of a Government ferry boat at Perumpallittura in the Kayankulam backwater ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of such recommendation and the orders passed thereon ?

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